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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 24, 2002, please enter the following amendments and remarks into the above-referenced application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

BICI 1. (Twice Amended) A computer implemented actual costing method for collecting and presenting an actual cost of performing a business activity, comprising the steps of:

collecting actual costs of performing a job, manufacturing an item and/or purchasing an item in carrying out the business activity,

creating a unique cost source identifier for each collected actual cost and storing the collected actual cost therein;